

1 meeting even after this vote, another meeting of our two
2 very able committee chairmen will be very helpful so
3 that on second reading there might possibly be some new
4 thought brought forth on this floor.

5 Meantime, for the first time since I have been
6 down here I am going to pass on a vote.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate
8 Boyles to speak in opposition to the amendment.

9 DELEGATE BOYLES: The Committee on Local Govern-
10 ment worked hard to set up a system of local government
11 in this article to strengthen the counties. But we did
12 not do this at the expense of setting up 24 independent
13 kingdoms or republics in the State of Maryland.

14 If we limit the power of the General Assembly
15 with this amendment to do what they would like to do in
16 the case of larger than county problems, we have taken
17 from the General Assembly a valuable tool.

18 I realize the desire of the delegate from
19 Baltimore County is to safeguard what she feels are the
20 rights of people from Baltimore County. But I think the
21 rights of the people of the State of Maryland transcend